

## Approval – Public Transportation Program

Following the recommendation of Miriam Perry, Director of Public Transportation Division, a motion was made by Board Member Dunn, seconded by Board Member Szlosberg, and the vote was unanimous to allocate funds to the following projects:

### Public Transportation Grant Program

#### Division 3

Project No.	<b>Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority</b> received	\$40,000	Total
09-09-438	approval for a Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307) capital grant. The grant will be used for the purchase of one replacement paratransit vehicle to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The authority is requesting a 10% state match for the vehicle purchase. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008, to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$32,000	Federal
		\$4,000	State
		\$4,000	Local

#### Divisions 5 & 7

Project No.	<b>The Research Triangle Regional Public</b>	\$48,920	Total
09-RS-004	<b>Transportation Authority</b> (Triangle Transit) is requesting the Department's share of the annual cost of the license and maintenance agreements for software for the web-based rideshare matching program for ShareTheRideNC.org. This program allows commuters to generate match lists for potential carpool or vanpool partners. Triangle Transit administers this program on behalf of NCDOT. There are ten licenses held by five Transportation Demand Management programs and the Department. The City of Wilmington pays the full 100% cost of their license.	26,906	State
		22,014	Local

### Division 6

Project No. 09-09-457	The <b>City of Fayetteville</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant. The grant provides funding for the purchase of a mobile unit to be used as a transfer center for the Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST). The existing transfer center is a mobile unit that is outdated and the replacement mobile unit purchased through this grant will be better designed for operations and provide better security.	\$203,422 162,738 20,342 20,342	Total Federal State Local
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The City is requesting a 10% state match. The effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is November 1, 2008, to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.

### Division 10

Project No. 07-95-005	The <b>City of Charlotte</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program grant from funds transferred from the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. The city will purchase three 40 ft. expansion buses to support the increase in their ridership. The city is requesting an 8% state match. The recommended effective date for reimbursements of eligible costs is April 25, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$963,855 \$800,000 \$77,108 \$86,747	Total Federal State Local
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Project No. 08-09-431-01	The <b>City of Charlotte</b> received approval for an amendment to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant. The amendment called for a reduction of state funds in the amount of \$578,337. This amended grant will be used to purchase vanpools, shelters and bus shop equipment. In addition, funding will be used for debt service payments and preventive maintenance costs. The city is requesting an 8% state match for the paratransit and debt service portion of the grant and a 10% state match to the major capital and bus facility items in the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursements of eligible costs is February 28, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$9,585,391 \$7,860,531 \$830,394 \$894,466	Total Federal State Local
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Project No.	The <b>City of Concord</b> received approval for a federal	\$650,000	Total
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07-09-450-01	Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant. The grant will be used to purchase two expansion buses due to an increase in ridership and route expansion. The city is requesting an 8% state match for the bus portion of the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible cost is July 1, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the federal Transit Administration.	\$539,500 \$52,000 \$58,500	Federal State Local
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## MOVING AHEAD

### Division 7

Project No. 08-04- 0002-02	The <b>City of High Point</b> received approval for an amendment to a Federal Transit Administration Capital grant (Section 5309). The amendment to the grant provides funding for construction of the downtown transportation terminal (Mendenhall Station). The city is requesting a 10% state match to the federal funding. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008, to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the federal Transit Administration.	\$2,017,700 \$1,614,160 \$201,770 \$201,770	Total Federal State Local
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### Division 10

Project No. 07-04- 0010-00	The <b>City of Charlotte</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital program (Section 5309) grant. The grant will be used to partially reimburse the City for construction costs incurred for work performed on the Eastland Bus Facility Project. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the federal funding. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project cost is June 19, 2007, to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$501,600 \$401,280 \$50,160 \$50,160	Total Federal State Local
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Project No. 07-04-008	The <b>City of Charlotte</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital program (Section 5309) grant. The grant will be used to offset construction costs to the Eastland Bus Facility which makes up a network of community transit centers. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the federal funding. The recommended effective date for eligible project costs is March 9, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$475,892 Total \$380,714 Federal \$47,589 State \$47,589 Local
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Project No. 07-03- 0077	The <b>City of Charlotte</b> received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Grant Program (Section 5309). The grant will be used to provide additional funding for the engineering and design work for the Charlotte Multimodal Transit Center. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the federal funding. The recommended effective date is June 18, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$22,299 Total \$17,839 Federal \$2,230 State \$2,230 Local
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### Division 13

Project No. 09-04-0028	The <b>City of Asheville</b> has received approval for a Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Program (Section 5309) capital grant to purchase five replacement hybrid buses in the Asheville Transit fleet ( NC-04-0028-00 ). The effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is January 1, 2009, to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$2,625,000 Total \$2,100,000 Federal \$262,500 State \$262,500 Local
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## New Start Program

**Agreement and Grant Contract Overview:** To formalize the State's commitment for its share of the cost of the Charlotte South Corridor (LYNX Blue Line) Rail projects, State legislation provided for a **State Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)**. The State FFGA describes the project to be funded, identifies the schedule for the project to be completed and sets the maximum State funding available for the project. The State FFGA, however, is not the mechanism under which State funds are obligated and disbursed for the State share of a project cost. For that, the State FFGA identifies a Grant Contract as the method. Amendments to the State FFGA require approval by the North Carolina Board of Transportation (NCBOT) and a legislative review.

To obligate and disburse State funds for a project a modified standard grant contract was created and titled **Grant Contract**. The Grant Contract provides for the obligation and disbursement of specific State funds for specific items of a project to the grantee and conditions under which the funds are disbursed to the grantee, such as receipt of a vendor or contractor's invoice for FTA approved project costs. The Grant Contract refers to a State FFGA setting the overall conditions for State participation in a project and recognizes that the State's share of a project cost is likely to be made available in stages that are related to the approval of the portions of the project by the federal government over time.

State funds in the Grant Contract are not matched to any federal grant, but are made available on a separate schedule for the project as a whole. Amendments to the Grant Contract must be approved by the NCBOT.

At its May 1, 2008 meeting, the NC Board of Transportation approved the use of \$8,976,183 in state New Start Program funds to amend the SFFGA with the **City of Charlotte**. The amendment allows the department to increase its participation in the project up to the maximum allowable 25% from \$106,672,390 to \$115,687,073. This action would allow the city to reduce its local share by \$8,976,183 to assist in purchasing four additional rail cars for the LYNX light rail system. The SFFGA has been amended and the grant contract amendment is now ready to be executed.

**Requested Board Action:** The Board is requested to approve a Grant Contract amendment with the **City of Charlotte** for the South Corridor Light Rail Project (LYNX Blue Line) in the amount of \$8,976,183 to allow for the State reimbursement of its share of the costs to the maximum allowable 25% of the project that received Federal Transit Administration approval.

Item I -1 Summary	12 projects	Federal Funds administered
		By NCDOT: \$
		State: \$ 10,551,182